

RAILROAD MEN ARE NOT GUILTY

Southern Railway Conductors and Brakemen Promptly Exonerated.

MAIL DENIES AFFIDAVITS

Flagman Who Had Implicated Others Declared He Knew Nothing of Their Guilt.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] GREENSBORO, N. C., March 18.—At the preliminary hearing before a justice of the peace here this afternoon of Southern Railway Freight Conductors Tucker and Fritchett and Brakemen Benson and Ward, on warrants charging them with the wholesale larceny of freight in transit, the railroad was taxed with the costs and the defendants discharged from custody. Detective Ahern, who had worked up the cases, acted as prosecuting attorney for the railroad, being opposed by Attorney Steele, of High Point. Bradshaw and Bynum, of Greensboro, counsel for the defendants. Ahern had only one witness—Perry Vail, a flagman, of the same road, who had confessed his guilt and signed affidavits of complicity in robberies of freight by the other persons. When sworn as witness, Vail testified he knew nothing whatever about any of the defendants taking anything, even denying having made affidavits to that effect, although Ahern held the typewritten signed affidavit in his hand while conducting the examination. He was completely unshaken, and promptly paid the costs levied by the justice.

To Charge Vail With Perjury. He declared he had plenty of corroborative evidence besides the confession of Vail, who is under bond for appearance at court, having acknowledged his guilt both before the justice some days ago, and in the affidavit mentioned. A warrant will be sworn out against Vail for perjury. The other accused men declare their innocence, and have instructed their attorneys to bring heavy damage suits against the Southern for false arrest, imprisonment and alleged malicious prosecution. The accused are all prominent railroad employees, well connected and evidently popular, since there was a large attendance of sympathizing friends and fellow-employees present, who tendered them an ovation when the cases were dismissed. They have all lost their jobs on the road.

Hasty Still Sick. When John W. Hasty, on trial for alleged collusion with distillers to defraud the government by false reports, etc., was reported ill to be present, and adjournment was had until Tuesday morning. Later it was learned from his physician that he might be present by Wednesday, and when court meets Tuesday another adjournment will probably be taken until Thursday.

ATTACKED MRS. KIMBALL.

Brought Out in Hearing That Stinson Attempted Assault.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 18.—That James Stephenson, or Bud Stinson, as he was called, who was slain on the Pineville road, four miles from Charlotte, last night, attempted to assault Mrs. J. T. Kimball, whose husband slain, was brought out at the inquest into the tragedy this afternoon. According to Mrs. Kimball's story, Stinson got out of his buggy, came into her house while her husband was a few hundred yards away at a neighbor's, and attacked her. She fought him and screamed, and in a moment her husband was hastening to her aid. Stinson saw him, fled from the house, entered his buggy, and started to drive towards Charlotte. Kimball, hearing his wife's story, seized his gun and followed Stinson, attacking and killing him. Stinson was from Fort Mill, S. C., and has a mother and three sisters here, who did not learn of his violent death until this morning.

The Kimballs are from Rock Hill, and bear an excellent reputation. Mr. Kimball has employed counsel, and the "unwritten law" will be the plea in his defense. The sympathy of the community seems to be entirely with the slayer.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

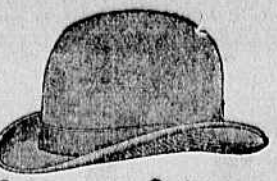
Young Man With Throat Cut Found Beside Railroad Track.

DURHAM, N. C., March 18.—Early Sunday morning Fred Williams, a well-known white man about thirty years of age, was found on the railroad track in a dying condition beside his home in Hillsboro. Soon after he was discovered, he breathed his last without regaining consciousness. The direct cause of his death seems to be a mystery. One theory was that he was killed by the train, and another that he was killed and placed on the track in order that it would conceal the murder. Williams's throat was cut, and he had other cuts of admiralty cases to-morrow.



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SHOT BROTHER-IN-LAW.

Gray Roberts Interfered When Cook Was Abusing Wife.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] RALEIGH, N. C., March 18.—Saturday evening in Johnston county, Gray Roberts was shot and killed by Richard Cook, his brother-in-law. Roberts was at the house of Cook, who was abusing his wife, and interfered to protect her. Cook raised a gun to shoot, but Roberts wrested the weapon from him and set it on the ground. No sooner had he done so than Cook took it up again and fired. The charge took effect in the abdomen of Roberts, resulting in death a few hours later. Cook surrendered to an officer, and was committed to jail in Smithfield.

ELECTS OFFICERS.

Fayerweather Gymnasium Association Chooses President.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 18.—The Fayerweather Gymnasium Association of the University of Virginia has elected Mr. C. E. Moran, of the university, president for the ensuing year. Mr. A. W. Betts, of Hampton, Va., who won the medal last year for the best all-round gymnast, was chosen as captain of this year's team, and Mr. A. B. Manly, of Birmingham, Ala., was elected manager.

It was decided to hold an exhibition tournament Saturday night, March 20. The regular events will consist of work on trapeze, on horizontal bars, parallel bars and the horse, and special tumbling. A. B. Manly has also four additional features, namely, high jumping, high kicking, boxing and wrestling.

GIVE BANQUET.

St. Patrick's Beneficial Society Honor Ireland's Patron Saint.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] PETERSBURG, VA., March 18.—St. Patrick's Catholic Beneficial Society gave a handsome banquet at the Chestnut Hotel tonight, with a large number of the prominent business men of the city present. The following toasts were responded to: "Ireland," Rev. J. T. O'Farrell, St. Joseph's Catholic Church; "St. Patrick," Mr. M. A. Finn; "Our Order," J. W. Rahilly; "The Day We Celebrate," J. J. Francis; "Irish America," J. M. Hanrahan.

The following officers have been elected: President, V. J. Rahilly; Vice-President, James J. Kilmartin; Secretary, J. T. Brown; Treasurer, Charles A. Bass; Chaplain, J. T. O'Farrell; Sergeant-at-Arms, M. S. Joyce; Trustee, P. H. Curran; S. J. Francis and J. T. Powers.

Hear Admiralty Cases.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, VA., March 18.—Judge Edmund Waddill, of the United States District Court, arrived in Norfolk to-day, and will commence the hearing of admiralty cases to-morrow.

TWO KILLED; TEN INJURED

Building Collapsed in Cincinnati on Account of Being Undermined by Flood.

HOUSE OCCUPIED BY ITALIANS

One Hundred Houses Washed Away in the Town of Marietta.

CINCINNATI, March 18.—Two persons were killed and ten injured by the collapse of a three-story brick building to-night at the corner of Front and Plum Streets, which has been surrounded by the Ohio river flood for several days. The building was occupied by several Italian families. A middle-aged woman and her three-year-old child were instantly killed. The building was surrounded by ten feet of water, which weakened the walls and caused the collapse. The river continued to rise during the night, but the rate of rise grew less as the hours passed, the water having a wider spread. Early to-day the river passed 61.9 and only two-tenths of a foot had been added to that five hours later. Doubt was experienced to-day whether the river would reach sixty-three feet, as had been previously intimated. Relief work was continued by the city and local charitable organizations, so that those made destitute by the high waters were promptly cared for.

Refinery Floated Away.

MARIETTA, OHIO, March 18.—The Sterling Oil Refinery is a complete loss. The still tanks and buildings having floated off the levee, the manufactured product was destroyed, causing a loss of \$50,000. The National Refinery suffered heavily. It may be several days before railroads are able to run trains regularly. One hundred houses and many barns have been swept from their foundations.

Great Destitution.

WHEELING, W. Va., March 18.—The river has returned to its channel, and Wheeling is slowly recovering from the flood. The principal work to-day was relieving the suffering and destitution, which is greater than ever before known in this city.

ENGLISH ACTOR IMPERSONATES ENTIRE CAST

Notable Production at Y. M. C. A. Last Night Delighted Large Audience.

Mr. Roscoe Reeves, dramatic reciter and interpreter, gave the first of a series of four readings and recitals at the Y. M. C. A. hall last night to a large and appreciative audience, which applauded his splendid work throughout. An eminent English actor, reciter and impersonator, Mr. Reeves appears here under the auspices and for the benefit of the Civic Improvement League of Richmond, last night's production being merely preliminary to a series of three which he proposes to give in Richmond. The program for the course of lectures, with the dates selected, is as follows:

Wednesday, March 27th, "A Night of Story Telling."
Monday, April 8th, "An Evening With Dickens."
Thursday, April 18th, "The Bells."
All will be given at the Y. M. C. A. hall at 8.30 o'clock.

Mr. Reeves, a native of London, is a mission for the series for a slightly larger one for any one of the trio. The Civic Improvement League will share in the net profits accruing from the entertainment. Last night Mr. Reeves selected for his Richmond debut "The Artisan," a story of love, perseverance and triumph over oppression, introducing an interesting study of types of English character. His monologic interpretation of the play, with its seven or eight distinct characters, was exceptionally fine, showing dramatic power of a high order. The work of the artist is apparent in the fine delineations of different types and in the manner in which the speaker measured up to the splendid dramatic climax of the story. He easily swayed his audience, carrying them with him at will from the mournful passages of the piece up to the thrilling dramatic climax, thus demonstrating a power and versatility which few actors possess.

Mr. Reeves impersonates the entire cast of characters of the piece, his voice, tone, manner, gestures, facial expression, everything, differentiating them from each other in such a manner that at times it is difficult for his hearers to believe that it is the same man.

REMOVE MRS. HOGE.

Lynchburg Hears Confirmation of Report.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., March 18.—The report that Mrs. J. Hampton Hoge, postmistress at Blacksburg, is to be removed for not giving the office her personal attention, is confirmed here to-day in an official manner. The change is to be made as soon as it can be reached in the routine at Washington. It is known that Referee Heer-man has been asked to suggest Mrs. Hoge's successor.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Former Suffolk Magistrate Was Ill But Twenty-Five Minutes.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] SUFFOLK, VA., March 18.—After an illness of twenty-five minutes with a heart disease, Fletcher H. Russell, a well-to-do citizen of Gates county, N. C., died last night, aged seventy-one years. A widow, six daughters and one son survive him. The deceased was a native of Virginia. He was a magistrate in Suffolk before the war.

ARREST ROOPE AND GIRL.

Married Man, Aged Forty-Five, Elopes With Niece.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., March 18.—Jack-roope, aged forty-five and married, was arrested to-day for eloping with his niece, aged twenty-five and married.

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CONSTITUTION NOT FIT FOR SEA TRIP

President Will Be Asked to Cancel Order for Frigate's Trip to Jamestown.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BOSTON, MASS., March 18.—Governor Guild and Senator Lodge have taken up the fight to prevent the removal of the old frigate "Constitution" from the city to the Jamestown Exposition. President Roosevelt will be seen, and all powerful influences brought to bear to prevent the ship's removal. The objections are that she will not stand the strain of being towed down to Norfolk, and that the risk is too great. While she is being thoroughly repaired and restored to her original appearance when she fought the Guerriere, it is claimed that she will not be in shape for a sea voyage even down the coast with a convoy of other vessels.

HAVE FINE MEETING.

Over One Hundred Conversions in Services Conducted by Mr. Ball.

Rev. W. L. Ball, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, of this city, has been engaged for the past several days in a very successful revival with Rev. Dr. John B. Turpin, of the First Baptist Church, in Charlottesville. There have been over one hundred conversions. There has not been such a meeting in Charlottesville for a long time.

Rev. Mr. Ball is expected to return to the city on Wednesday, and at the midweek prayer service at his church that night will give an account of the meeting.

TO ACCOMPANY BODY TO FAR AWAY HOME

Miss Yost Will Leave To-Day With Remains of Fiance, Who Died Suddenly.

The last sad act in the love-story of Miss Sadie Yost, of Newport News, will be performed to-day, when she will begin the long journey to Denver, Colo., to accompany the dead body of her fiance, Mr. H. H. Rodgers, of that city.

Mr. Rodgers died at the Retreat for the Sick early Monday morning, after an attack of acute nephritis. He was engaged to be married to Miss Yost, whom he had met while she was on a visit in the far Western State, and was on his way to visit her when stricken in his last illness.

Miss Yost was communicated with and she came to Richmond immediately in company with her sister, to be at the bedside of her dying lover. Death came as an abrupt and all unexpected blow to the love-story of this young couple, and the denouement was one of the saddest tragedies that may come in life.

Miss Yost will accompany the body of her fiance back to his home, and be present when the last sad rites are said over his grave.

TOOK WRONG HORSE AND WAS ARRESTED

Young White Men Charged With Cruelty to Animal Belonging to Mr. Bemiss.

Chambers Elam and W. T. Hoppe, two young white men, were arrested yesterday afternoon at the instance of Agent Emmett Taylor, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. They were charged with cruelly driving a horse belonging to Mr. E. L. Bemiss. According to the story told, the two young men on Thursday evening were at the Jefferson Hotel, and at that time ordered from Hicks's stable a team. They went out the Franklin Street front of the hotel shortly afterward and saw a horse and surrey, and took for granted that it was the team they had ordered. They took possession and drove away. It turned out, however, that the horse was the property of Mr. Bemiss, and had been left in front of the hotel by his daughter. When she went out to re-enter the vehicle it was gone.

The two young men, it is alleged, drove the horse too rapidly. Agent Taylor said last night that when he confronted them with the charges and said he had seen the animal, and that it did not make much difference if he did.

The case will be heard in the Police Court this morning.

MR. BRITAIN GOES TO FLORIDA.

BRISTOL, VA., March 18.—W. M. Britain, until recently connected with the South and Western Railway, with headquarters here, has been appointed vice-president and general manager of the Tavares and Gulf Railway, with headquarters at Clearmont, Fla. He has begun his service with this latter road. He was formerly with the Seaboard Air Line.

CAPT. KAIN'S TEAM WINS.

Crystals Now One Game Ahead of the Olympians.

The Southsides, under the able direction of Captain Kain, last night defeated the Northsides on the Lake Allegheny team. The total score of the former team was 1,409; of the latter, 1,389.

On the Williams Allegheny the Crystals defeated the Olympians by 171 pins majority.

Match game will be held on the Lake Allegheny to-night.

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FAIRBANKS IS ALSO STRENUOUS

Makes Four Addresses on St. Patrick's Day, Punctuated by a Luncheon.

CHICAGO, March 18.—Vice-President Fairbanks, who was to-day the guest of honor in the St. Patrick's Day celebration, under the auspices of the Irish Fellowship Club, made in various parts of the city four addresses and attended luncheon and a banquet. This morning a large delegation of the club called to meet the Vice-President at the Auditorium Annex. An impromptu reception was held, lasting thirty minutes, and then entering an automobile the Vice-President was taken to St. Ignatius College on West One-Hundred and Twentieth Street, where he delivered a brief address this afternoon. The members of the faculty and a large number of invited guests were present.

From St. Ignatius College the Vice-President was escorted to the University of Chicago, where he also spoke. Mr. Fairbanks declared that he had several times been invited to address the students of the university by the late President Harper, and had provisionally accepted the invitation. Visiting the university, however, he declared had prevented him from visiting the university, and he now came to fulfill in an informal way this promise he had previously given to President Harper. The remainder of the Vice-President's speech was devoted to a eulogy of President Harper, whom he declared to be exceptionally worthy of imitation by all young men.

From Chicago University, after a ride through the parks and over the South Side boulevards, the Vice-President was escorted to the room of the Chicago Press Club, on Madison Street, where a luncheon was given in his honor, and he made his third address of the day.

PRESIDENT OPENS LOUISVILLE EXPO.

Exchanges Greetings Over the Wires With President McDonald.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—Baleful messages were exchanged between President Roosevelt and the officials of the exposition this afternoon, when the President touched a key that opened a circuit setting in operation the Greater Louisville Exposition. The key was in the telephone room of the executive offices at the White House, and was touched by the President at 3:35 o'clock. Eastern time. Secretary Loeb and the telegraphers on duty at the White House were the only persons in addition to the President who were present.

IMPROVEMENTS AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The committee of the First Baptist Church in charge of the improvements to the church property met yesterday afternoon and inspected the plans that have been prepared. The bids which were submitted for the work were not considered, as some slight changes will be made in the plans, and additional bids will be called for. The changes include a new Sunday-school annex on the Twelfth Street side of the church, the total improvements to cost from twelve to fourteen thousand dollars.

Mr. W. S. Forbes is chairman of the committee in charge of the work, which Greater Louisville Exposition. The key thirty days.

RECESS P. O. APPOINTMENTS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—The President to-day made the following recess appointments of postmasters: North Carolina—Charles A. Jones, at Lincolnton; Thomas L. Green, at Waynesville.

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PLAY VIRGINIA TO A STANDSTILL

Fishburne Academy Proves Match for University Nine. Errors a-Plenty.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., March 18.—In the second game of her preliminary season, Virginia was played to a tie to-day by the nine from Fishburne Military Academy. Wayneboro, the first score being 5 to 0. Only eight innings were played as the visitors had to catch a train.

Virginia took things easy for six innings, after which several changes were made in the line-up. Each of the new men contributed errors, which with a hit enabled the visitors to pile up four runs. In the eighth Virginia tied the score. Then the former Yale outfielder, lined out a triple and scored on Hoff's timely hit to right.

The Fishburne squad was greatly strengthened by Fetter, the big outfielder on last year's Danville club of the State League, who will be given a trial on the Philadelphia National League team this summer.

For Virginia, Captain Walker did the best work, making a sensational running catch of a long fly, and later lining out a three-bagger to deep right field. Score by innings: R. H. E. Fishburne 0 0 2 0 0 4 0-6 5 5 Virginia 0 0 2 0 1 0 1-4 7 6 Batteries—Fishburne, Fetter and King; Virginia—Fulton, Moore, Susong, Woodson and Chandler.

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